

MEDICAL EXTENSION BENEFITS



Washington State
Department of Social
& Health Services

- You have a right to receive up to 12 calendar months continued medical benefits (two six-month extensions).
- You can receive medical benefits if you have an eligible child living with you.
- The enclosed letter tells you when your first six-month medical extension starts.

REQUIREMENT TO REPORT

- You may receive up to 12 months of medical benefits, if you report income and child care costs to us and continue to be eligible.

REQUIREMENT TO PAY PREMIUMS

- Adult family members may be required to pay a premium in order to continue to receive medical benefits in the second six months of medical extension.

CHANGES THAT COULD MAKE YOU INELIGIBLE

- Your medical benefits will stop if you move out of state or if you no longer have an eligible child living with you.
- If you do not report income and child care costs or pay your premiums by the date due, you may be terminated from medical benefits. In some situations there are “good cause” reasons for not reporting on time.

Please read the following for details about how this medical extension works and save this notice for future reference.

THE FIRST SIX-MONTH EXTENSION

1. You will receive 6 months of medical benefits starting on the first day of the month after you become ineligible for a cash grant or family medical due to increased earned income.
2. At the end of the third month and sixth month of benefits, we will ask you to report family earnings and child care costs related to employment. We will send you a report to fill out and send back to us. You do not need to use the form to give us this information, just contact your CSO worker.
3. We will authorize a second six-month medical extension only if we get the above information, and required premium payments.
4. If you have no earnings in the report months, report to us anyway so that we can continue your medical benefits.

5. Some acceptable "good cause" reasons for not providing requested income and child care or for not paying premiums on time include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Illness, mental problem, injury, trauma, or stress.
 - b. Not understanding the rules because of a language barrier.
 - c. Transportation problems.
 - d. You worked during the report period, but your earnings were counted in a previous period so you thought you had nothing to report.
 - e. You expected to be able to meet family medical needs without medical benefits but could not.
6. If we find that "good cause" exists, we will not terminate your medical benefits.
7. If you do not need medical benefits after the first six months, or no longer have an eligible child living with you, please tell us.

THE SECOND SIX-MONTH MEDICAL EXTENSION

1. If you are required to pay premiums, the payment is due by the 21st day of each month for medical coverage during the second six-month extension.
2. The "good cause" reasons above also apply to the second six-month extension. If you cannot report or pay premiums on time, contact your CSO worker and find out if you are still eligible for medical benefits.

CONTINUING MEDICAL SERVICES

1. You will continue to receive a medical identification card.
2. Your medical benefits will remain the same as when you received a cash grant or family medical.
3. If you have been in a *Healthy Options* managed care plan, you can stay in the same plan during the medical extension period.